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SUPPLEMENT

	François Billoum, Communist Minister of National Defense in France, has taken the action expected of him during the last ten days to try to use the chief French Intelligence
•	Service (SDECE). He sent Admiral Moulec, a member of his sabinet who is said to be either a Communist sympathizer or Party member, to the SDECE to ask them to send reports directly to Billows of the

2. Moulec was told that all SDECE military reports are sent to War Minister Paul Coste-Floret (MRP) and to the General Staff. He was informed that he should ask them for reports. The Admiral also was advised that all non-military information handled by SDECE was directly supervised by the Presidency and the Foreign Ministry. Therefore, it was explained, the SDECE has no authority to pass reports on to other Government agencies.

The SDECE has brought no reporcussions and that none is expected immediately.

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